

an ethylene-propylene copolymer rubber, said component (B) having an ethylene content of at least 74 wt% and having been completely crosslinked.

21. (amended) The thermoplastic elastomer of claim 1 wherein component (A) has a density of 0.89 to 0.91 g/cm³ and a melting point of 135°C to 140°C.

22. (amended) The thermoplastic elastomer of claim 1 wherein component (B) is an ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer having an ethylene content between 74 wt% and 77 wt%.

The changes in the above claims from those previously pending are provided in the marked-up form attached hereto to effect this amendment in accordance with MPEP 714.22 (c) (1) (ii). Those markings use ~~strike-through~~ indications to show deletions and underlined indications to show additions.

DISCUSSION:

The amendments to be entered pursuant to the request above are supported in the original text and as such are not believed to introduce any new matter. The change with respect to the weight percentages in claim 20 are based on the description at page 4, lines 7-9 and at page 5, lines 2-3. The % ethylene contents of claims 20 and 22 are changed to wt.% as clearly expressed and set out in the description in Table II, Examples "F" and "G" in the Table column heading "Wt.% C₂". The amended definition of the syndiotactic polypropylene preferred for the invention of claim 21 is from the description at page 5, lines 1-2.

The applicants traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Communication. As noted in the preceding paragraph, Table II clearly conveys to one skilled in the art that the haze values relating to the translucent compositions claimed have optimal values when the Wt.% C₂ is at or above 74 wt.% ethylene. The paragraph below Table II explains the phenomena illustrated in this showing to further emphasize this teaching for one skilled in the art. Table II shows